

An Act to authorize William John Bickell to construct a Bridge
over the River St. Charles.

WHEREAS the construction of a Toll-bridge over the River St. Charles, in the Parish of St. Rochs of Quebec, opposite Hare Point, will greatly tend to promote the welfare and intercourse of the inhabitants of the said Parish, and of the adjacent Parishes, and the convenience of the public generally, and whereas William John Bickell, of the City of Quebec, has by a petition presented by him for that object, prayed to be authorized to construct a Toll-bridge, over the said River St. Charles, at the place above mentioned: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- 5 and the convenience of the public generally, and whereas William John Bickell, of the City of Quebec, has by a petition presented by him for that object, prayed to be authorized to construct a Toll-bridge, over the said River St. Charles, at the place above mentioned: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—
1. The said William John Bickell, is hereby authorized to erect, and construct, at his own cost and expense, a solid and sufficient Toll-bridge over the said River St. Charles, at the place aforesaid, and to erect and construct a Toll-house, and Toll-gate, with other dependencies, and approaches to or upon the said Bridge, and also to do and execute all such other matters and things as shall be necessary, useful or advantageous, for erecting and constructing, keeping up, and maintaining the said intended Bridge, Toll-house, Toll-gate, and other dependencies, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.
2. For the purpose of erecting, building, maintaining, and supporting the said Bridge, the said William John Bickell, or his representatives, shall from time to time have full power and authority to take, and use the land on either side of the said River St. Charles, and there to work up, or cause to be worked up, the material, and other things necessary for erecting constructing or repairing the said Bridge accordingly, doing as little damage as possible, and making just and reasonable compensation for the damage so caused, and the value of the land so taken or occupied as aforesaid.
3. The said Bridge, and the said Toll-house, Toll-gate, and dependencies to be erected thereon or near thereto, and also the ascents or approaches to the said Bridge, and all materials which shall from time to time be found or provided for erecting, building, or maintaining and repairing the same shall be vested in the said William John Bickell or his representatives for ever; provided that after the expiration of fifty years from the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to assume the possession, and property of the said Bridge, Toll-house, Toll-gate, and dependencies, and the ascents and approaches thereto, upon paying to the said William John Bickell, the entire and full value, which the same shall at the time of such assumption bear and be worth; provided always that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any number whatsoever of the inhabitants interested in the said Bridge, at any time from acquiring (as

Preamble.

W. J. Bickell authorized to erect a toll-bridge over the River St. Charles.

May acquire the necessary land.

Bridges and dependencies vested in W. J. Bickell.

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